

## BRITAIN AND FRANCE HAVE AN 'UNDERSTANDING'

No Written Treaty, but Are United to Hold Germany in Check.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The Associated Press has obtained some interesting information regarding the progress of Anglo-French relations which led to the recent erroneous reports that the entente of 1901 had been supplemented by a military or naval convention. Mutual cooperation on sea and land is the face of an aggressive move against Germany is regarded as assured both at the Quai d'Orsay and in Downing street.

The machinery of diplomacy has, however, been scrupulously avoided in the accomplishment of this result. No notes or drafts of conventions have been exchanged. Nothing has passed through the only channels recognized by governments as qualified to bind countries which could be challenged by Germany as aimed at her "isolation."

Nevertheless, in a subtle and quite as effective fashion the combination against Germany, so far as France and England are concerned, can be considered a fait accompli.

The other ramifications of the diplomacy which is called in England the policy of "binding Germany over to keep the peace" (which includes the Russian-English entente, the cementing of closer relations between Spain and England and the wearing away of Italy from the Triple) are also making progress.

It was regarded as preferable to lay the basis of mutual support primarily in a broad and deep friendship between the two peoples and not in a treaty adjusting outstanding differences. No sooner had been signed than the campaign of friendship was inaugurated. All kinds of visits were exchanged, furnishing occasions for celebrating the new-found friendship and now a great Anglo-French exposition in London has been planned for next summer.

Matters had reached such a stage during the Morocco crisis that England's physical as well as diplomatic support was certain had the sword been unsheathed. At that time the military and naval authorities of the two countries were in communication, and after the crisis had passed they proceeded to work out in a purely technical fashion plans of co-operation by land and sea to meet certain contingencies.

So intimate had the relations become that the military departments of the two countries became last summer that General French, detailed to attend the French manoeuvres, was admitted to the conference of the French General Staff during the manoeuvres and listened, if he did not participate, in the discussion.

## LIQUOR MEN TO GIVE A GREAT BLOWOUT

This Year they Will Add First-Class Vaudeville with Their Ball.

The annual ball of the Liquor Dealers' Association, which has grown in recent years to be one of the foremost events of its kind in the amusement season, will be held on Jan. 25 next at Grand Central Palace. This place has been selected because of its big stage and other theatrical accessories, as a feature of the ball this year will be a vaudeville and theatrical performance by the best talent playing in New York.

The Committee of Arrangements is working to get together a big bigger and better than any that has ever been presented, including those given at the big benefits at the Metropolitan Opera-house. The performers will be taken from the theatres to the Grand Central Palace in cabs with their make-up and properties, succeeding each other on the stage as rapidly as the audience will allow.

There will be novel features in connection with the ball. The receipts which will be devoted to charity, are invariably large. One of the largest crowds that ever attended a public ball in New York jammed Madison Square Garden when the Liquor Dealers' Association gave a year ago.

The officers of the association are: M. J. Kennedy, President; P. C. Hockford, First Vice-President; T. B. O'Connor, Second Vice-President; J. B. O'Connor, Secretary; M. J. Kennedy, Treasurer; J. B. O'Connor, Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements.

## LEFT TWO-DAY-OLD BABY ON PARSONAGE STEPS

Minister and His Wife Aroused Before Daylight to Find the Wail.

Somebody left a two days' old baby on the parsonage steps at No. 15 Conserve street today when the Rev. William G. Lyle, of Grace Episcopal Church, Villaville, was sleeping. A loud, long ringing of the parsonage doorbell brought the minister out of his sleep before daylight, and he and Mrs. Lyle, who were in bed, were aroused by the sound of the doorbell. They looked out and saw a baby lying on the steps. They picked it up and found it was a two-day-old baby. They called the police and the baby was taken to the hospital.

## MAGISTRATE AS SANTA CLAUS.

Magistrate Higginbotham, of the Lee Avenue Court, Williamsburg, became in Williamsburg Santa Claus today, delivering 25 baskets of turkeys and toys to poor families in his district.

## Millionaire's Wife Gives Father \$50,000 Xmas Gift



Mrs. E. R. Thomas, wife of the millionaire, who was formerly Linda Lee of Louisville, has sent a Christmas gift of \$50,000 to her father, William P. Lee, whose home is now in Louisville.

While the large gift went in the name of Mr. Thomas, it is said that the money was really sent by his wife.

Mr. Lee is not a man of wealth, but rather a man of industry and a great treasure of the Louisville Gas Company he has a salary which has enabled him to live comfortably, but not extravagantly.

## XMAS MASSES FOR "LITTLE TIM" AS REAL SANTA CLAUS

Fine Music at Early Morning Service at St. Francis of Assisi's.

Special masses for night workers will be held early Christmas morning in the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, in West Thirty-third street. Elaborate programmes of music have been arranged for Christmas morning by the pastor, the Rev. Eusebius Schillingmann.

At half-past 2 o'clock there will be a solemn high mass, priests and choir singing Halle's "Messe Proprie." So numerous have been the requests for such a service that Father Eusebius has decided to have none reserved. The celebrant will be Father Eusebius, with Father John Stark as deacon and Father Stanislaus Leitch sub-deacon, with Father Sebastian Stark master of ceremonies. Prof. P. J. Quigley will direct the musical programme, in which a choir of sixty voices will assist the soloists. An orchestra from the Metropolitan Opera-house will also participate.

The sopranos will be Mrs. G. Kimmel, Miss S. Quigley, Miss E. Halloran, Miss E. Winkler, Miss M. Donagan, Miss W. Gilman, Miss May Phillips, Miss A. McDonald, Mrs. P. J. Molloy, Mrs. G. Hennessy and Miss I. Braun. The altos will be Mrs. J. T. Lynch, Mrs. E. Brady, Mrs. G. D'Amron, Miss W. Steiner, Miss G. Altan, Miss M. Darrall, and Miss L. de Felix. The tenor soloists will be Mr. Thomas Boyd and Signor Salvatore Miceli. F. Berger, J. T. McDonald, J. W. Donovan, J. T. Lynch, W. P. Gallagher, T. Schausel, C. Schultze, J. Clarke and W. McKenna will be the other tenors. The basses will be W. Hooley, W. Boia, W. Henderson, C. Semmler, J. Brady, J. H. Conolly, M. W. Short, G. W. Scott, W. Strong, E. Gallagher, G. Kimmel, W. Voght and C. Minzey.

At the night workers' mass Father Eusebius will preach a fifteen minute sermon. At half-past 4 o'clock a second high mass will be celebrated, and Professor John Pelzer will conduct the music.

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## BIG BENEFIT FOR ITALIAN HOSPITAL.

All the Stars of Both Grand Opera Companies to Participate.

The various Italian societies and committees interested in the building of an Italian hospital in the city have arranged for a monster benefit at the Amsterdam Opera-house on Dec. 29. All of the Italian stars of both the Metropolitan and Manhattan opera houses will appear, and all of the proceeds will be added to the large sum that has already been collected toward the building of the hospital.

The opera-house will be properly decorated with palm trees, American and Italian flags. The entertainment will begin at 2 o'clock in the afternoon with a ball for children, and each one will receive a handsome souvenir. The benefit will last until late at night.

King Oscar Holds His Own.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Dec. 24.—King Oscar's temperature last night was 93.1 and this morning 93.0. Otherwise his condition remains unchanged.

## Safonoff Raises a Tempest By His Readings of Wagner

WASSILY SAFONOFF, conductor of the Philharmonic Orchestra, has caused a commotion among local music lovers by his readings of Wagner at Carnegie Hall on Friday afternoon and Saturday evening.

The concert was a success, but it was not without its share of controversy. The program was a selection of Wagner's works, and the conductor's interpretation was highly praised by some, but criticized by others.

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## LHEVINNE SCORES AGAIN.

Chief Figure at the Manhattan Opera-house Concert.

Lhevinne, the Russian pianist, scored again, triumphing in his third popular Sunday night concert at the Manhattan Opera-house. His admirable technique and artistic interpretation were well illustrated by his playing of the Gluck-Brahms gavotte, Chopin's etude op. No. 10, in B minor, and the Schumann's "Pavane."

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## PRETTY MODEL IN CELL FOR A THEFT

Detective Recognized Girl as Old Offender When Her Landlady Told of Robbery.

Frances Lester, a good-looking young woman, who says she is an artist's model, was held by Magistrate Whitman in the West Side Court today in \$100 bail for trial on a charge of grand larceny. The complaint was made by a woman who said she was a former prisoner. She had reported her loss to the West One Hundredth Street station and Detective Horand was sent around to her flat to investigate.

## DIED AFTER BUYING GIFTS FOR MOTHER.

Lott G. Talbot the Second Son to Die Within the Present Month.

Lott G. Talbot, a telegraph operator, thirty-five years old, was today found dead in bed in his room on the second floor of No. 370 West Forty-eighth street, by his landlady, Mrs. Mary Stevens. According to the police, his death was due to natural causes.

## ROCKEFELLER WANTS ENGLISH CLERGYMAN.

John D. Rockefeller and his fellow members of the congregation of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church want an English clergyman to accept the pastorate. The trustees met Mr. Rockefeller when he arrived at the church yesterday after a brief walk from his home, and, speaking through E. H. Paddock, suggested that immediate action be taken with reference to offering the Rev. Dr. Aked, of Liverpool, the pulpit of the Fifth Avenue Church.

## HAMMERSTEIN WAS WHOLE "CAMORRA" OF CAMPANARI

Forced Conductor to Admit He Never Led "Lucia di Lammermoor," and Then Took Baton Away to Save Performance.

The real reason why Leandro Campanari, the orchestra leader, threw down his baton and left the Manhattan Opera-house when he was to have conducted "Lucia di Lammermoor" Friday night has been learned by The Evening World from a source that cannot be questioned.

When Campanari quit the helm and momentarily threw the force of the opera-house into such confusion that it looked as though a change of bill would be necessary he said that the singers were leagued to ruin his reputation.

Hammerstein the "Camorra."

It now develops that Oscar Hammerstein constituted the camorra, that he refused to allow Campanari to conduct.

That beautiful composition of Gabriel Piere's, "The Children's Crusade," was sung again by the Oratorio Society at Carnegie Hall on Saturday afternoon.

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## ROSENTHAL, THE STAR.

Well Received at the Metropolitan Opera-house Concert.

With a programme made up of the music of Wagner, Chopin, Verdi, Brahms, Beethoven, Schumann, Schubert and Thomas; such artists as Olive Fremstad, Louise Homer and Anton Van Rooy to make the interpretation; Moritz Rosenthal at the piano in two numbers; Nathan Franko leading the orchestra and the Schumann's "Pavane," the Metropolitan was worth braving the cold to hear.

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## JOHN W. GATES WILL TESTIFY AGAINST MANN

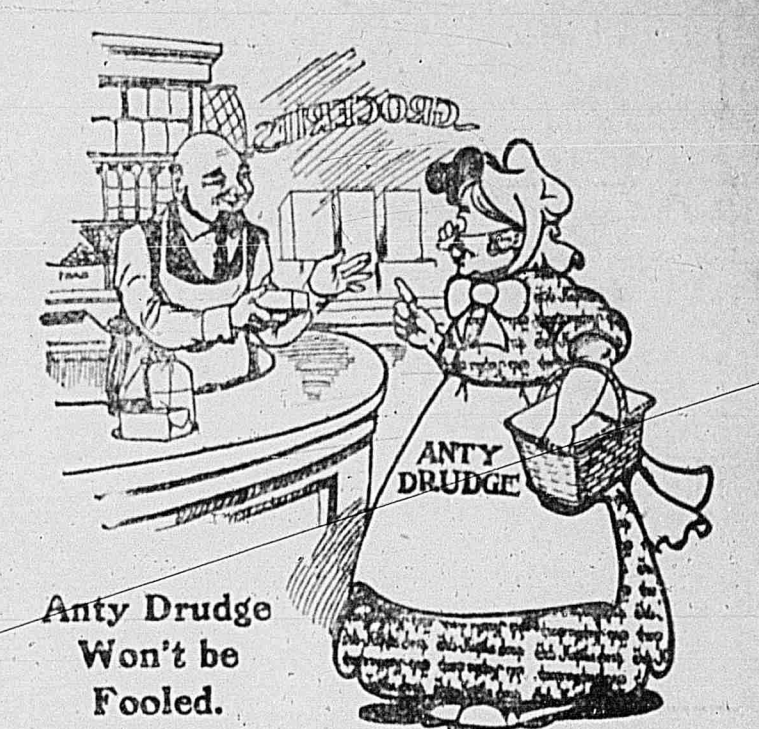
Millionaire May Be Witness To-Day in Trial of Editor on Charge of Perjury.

John W. Gates, subpoenaed as a witness in the trial of Col. William D. Mann, of Town Topics, for perjury, may appear for the prosecution today when the trial is resumed. Mr. Gates was subpoenaed last Friday, and then signified his intention of appearing whenever wanted.

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